

**INDIANA STATE LIBRARY  
ADVISORY COUNCIL (ISLAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
August 22nd, 2008**

**Chair, Amy Harshbarger called the meeting to order @ 10:02 a.m.**

**Roll Call:**

Members introduced themselves.

**Members present:**

Amy Harshbarger, Charles Jones, Martha LaBounty, David Lewis, Aja May, Donna Smith, Carolyn Wheeler, Susan Wheeler, and Philip Young.

**Indiana State Library Staff present:**

Roberta Brooker, Jim Corridan, Jake Speer, Connie Rendfeld, Martha Jane Ringel, and Amy Holliday.

**Absent members:**

James Cline, Mary Jackson, Kay Martin, and Linda Kolb.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Agenda for meeting was unanimously approved.

**Approval of April 18, 2008 Minutes:**

Lewis motioned to approve, S. Wheeler seconded this motion, and the motion passed.

**State Library Report:**

Corridan welcomed new members to ISLAC and briefly discussed the history and organization of the advisory council. He informed the council that two members still needed to be appointed by the State Library and would represent library users. He also informed new members and refreshed previous members' knowledge about the responsibilities of the council. Responsibilities include: advising and assisting the ISL in the planning and coordination of library services in the state, including the allocation of LSTA funds.

Corridan briefly discussed recent changes in library services in Indiana. The State Library is no longer providing federal funds to INCOLSA, and this shift in resource allocation has put more money into the state's hands to decide how best these funds can be used for the enhancement of library services in Indiana. It is a goal that the council be instrumental in setting policy and procedure for allocating and distributing these funds.

Next, Speer covered the rules of council and specifically pointed out both the new appointment process found on page 2 and 3 and section 5 which discusses meeting rules. He encouraged all members to look over the rules of council and contact either Jake

Speer (jspeer@library.in.gov) or Amy Holliday (aholliday@library.in.gov) if they have any questions.

Speer also mentioned that the next meeting would likely be October 3<sup>rd</sup> and that by mid-September each member would receive a packet from the State Library that will include a summary budget of the 2009 LSTA grant funding and individual grant applications for each area of spending in the 2009 budget. Members are asked to review each application and bring questions and concerns to the meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. At that time, the State Library will take advisement on the grant applications and ask for council approval.

Corridan then briefly explained each area of spending in the draft of the 2009 LSTA grant funding budget handed out at the meeting. Lewis asked about the fiscal spending year for 2009 grant funds. Ringel responded that the spending year for 2009 funds typically occurs between April 2009 and September 2010. Lewis also asked whether the resource sharing committee would be reviewing the sub-grant applications in March. It was concluded that more detailed information about the 2009 sub-grant cycle would be discussed at the next meeting.

### **New Business--**

Officers (chair-person and vice chair-person) were elected for the year.

- Chair-Person
  - Jones nominated Lewis
  - S. Wheeler seconded nomination
  - Lewis, unanimously, elected Chair-Person
- Vice Chair-Person
  - C. Wheeler reluctantly volunteered
  - C. Wheeler, unanimously, elected Vice Chair-Person

Speer discussed committees. There are five committees listed in the rules of council. The executive committee has already been elected. The other four committees are to be filled by the next meeting. The different duties of these sub-committees are listed in page 5 of the rules of council. Members should self-nominate themselves to at least one committee and send their self-nominations to Amy Holliday ([aholliday@lib.in.gov](mailto:aholliday@lib.in.gov)) by the next meeting.

### **Distribution of Resources Models**

Corridan stated that a goal of this year's council is to help the state library determine a resource distribution model that will best meet the needs of Indiana residents. Corridan mentioned that some criteria for dividing funds could be (rural verse urban; poor verse non-poor; type of library; or some combination of all these criteria). The default currently is merit, but Corridan wonders if there other factors that we should consider and wants the opinions of the council.

Lewis commented that it would be helpful at the next meeting if the State Library presented alternatives based on the practice in other states. This would provide a framework for Council discussion. He also asked that the State Library work to develop a clear and due process for reviewing grants and determining how money is allocated.

**Announcements—**

Corridan announced that the State library is working with SOLINET to purchase e-books that will be available through Inspire. SOLINET will make it possible for libraries to download the records for e-books on Inspire and incorporate them into their individual catalogs. These books cover a wide-range of topics and should be available in October.

**Adjournment—**

Lewis moved to adjourn the meeting. Young seconded this motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.